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HAVING ANGIOTENSIN II ANTAGONISTIC ACTIVITY
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2004. This paper is timely, as it is filed within the shortened statutory period.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-39 are pending, and elected claims 1-6, 8, and 10-39 should be examined. Species claims 7 and 9 should be rejoined as a matter of right when the base generic claim 1, from which claims 7 and 9 depend, is allowable.

Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 8, and 10-39 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over SmithKline Beecham Co. (WO 95/06410) in view of Katz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,028,435). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.